

# GUAM IMPORT DATA

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**What is a Guam import?** It is something brought in from the United States or a foreign country, intended for sale or trade in Guam. Agents from the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (GCQA) process imports at its service centers located at the Port Authority of Guam and Guam Airport cargo area. Imports are manually codified by its commodity classification code based on information reported on invoices, bills of lading and on airway bills. The commodities reported herein are for re-sale, thus excludes the military, government, promotional and personal items.

The U.S. government adopted the Harmonized System on January 1, 1989, as the direct basis for its new export and import classification systems. Guam, as well as most of the nations of the world, adopted this system on January 1, 1988. The Bureau of Statistics and Plans is using the established simplified Harmonized System as adopted by the former Department of Commerce. All documents submitted to the GCQA for release of cargo must contain information as outlined in §3005.1, 3005.2 and 3005.3 of the former Department of Commerce Administrative Rules and Regulations. Section 3005.1 defines imports and exports of goods and sets up guidelines to insure certain information is included on each official import and export document.

The promulgated administrative rules and regulations as authorized by Title VLIV, Chapter 1, §47064 GCA now rests with the Bureau of Statistics and Plans. The Bureau, as mandated by Public Laws No. 20-147 and 26-76, shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, investigations, studies, surveys, research and analysis relating to physical, human, social, and economic development of Guam and to publish the results. These rules and regulations concern the collecting of socio-economic information from businesses and individuals.

For 2007, the External Trade Section will capture imports for the months of February, May, August and November, and in 2008, the months of March, June, September and December. In years past, months captured include January, April, July and October. Over a 3-year period all months will be captured, analyzed and evaluated for use in macro economic forecasting.

This report employs the use of a simple 3-year moving average to estimate the months of January, April, July and October in 2007, given 3-year prior weights of Y-1: .50, Y-2: .35 and Y-3: .15. Another forecasting tool exhibited accepts the peak month import value as the 3-month average for months in the immediate quarter to estimate its quarter and annual import values. Both estimation tools will be re-evaluated for its use and accuracy as actual data become available. The estimates are provided for discussion purposes.

Table 4									
2007 Imports		Quarterly Forecast Estimates (\$)						Annual Estimate	
Commodity Group	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter					
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	46,550,574	53,436,790	43,578,241	46,282,455			189,848,060		
Alcoholic Beverages	5,168,688	5,628,250	3,761,229	4,358,054			18,916,221		
Transportation and Parts	46,192,536	14,406,537	32,672,312	37,426,641			130,698,026		
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	2,301,864	2,501,648	2,975,979	2,575,713			10,355,204		
Construction Materials	9,246,948	6,304,296	5,069,803	9,726,868			30,347,915		
Plastic, Leather & Paper	24,809,358	29,095,136	13,762,369	13,480,842			81,147,705		
Men & Women Apparel	10,297,979	9,384,585	8,445,349	6,608,800			34,736,713		
Other Imports	26,508,367	25,373,591	13,897,080	21,716,887			87,495,925		
Totals	171,076,314	146,130,833	124,162,362	142,176,260			583,545,769		
Peak Month	February-07	April-05	July-01	October-06					
Note: Quarterly forecast estimates are based on peak month imports recorded since 2001. There may be revised annual estimates as data is updated.									

Table 3					
2007 Imports	January and March Estimates (\$)			1st Quarter Estimate	
Commodity Group	January	February	March		
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14,597,317	13,924,904	18,028,353	46,550,574	
Alcoholic Beverages	1,637,439	1,531,174	2,000,075	5,168,688	
Transportation and Parts	12,003,052	16,299,808	17,889,676	46,192,536	
Home Appliances & Other Equipment	871,778	764,392	889,680	2,525,850	
Construction Materials	2,040,137	3,662,087	3,579,691	9,281,915	
Plastic, Leather & Paper	6,574,680	8,631,171	9,607,416	24,813,267	
Men & Women Apparel	2,364,169	3,947,027	3,986,783	10,297,979	
Other Imports	7,715,144	8,264,875	10,265,486	26,245,505	
	Totals	47,803,716	57,025,438	66,247,160	171,076,314
Note: January is a moving average estimate given Y-3=.15, Y-2=.35 and Y-1=.5 prior year weights. February values are actual. March is an average composite, given the 1st quarter estimate.					

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Table 1

Commodity	FEBRUARY 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
<b>FOOD &amp; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>\$13,924,904</b>	<b>24.42%</b>
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,267,580	9.10%
Meat and Edible Offal of Pork	464,050	3.33%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	872,452	6.27%
Fish, Live, Chilled or Frozen	591,240	4.25%
Fish, Dried, Salted	25,509	0.18%
Crustaceans	648,446	4.66%
Mollusks	82,528	0.59%
Milk & Cream, not Containing Sugar	303,812	2.18%
Milk & Cream, Containing Sugar	16,907	0.12%
Buttermilk	40,367	0.29%
Butter	13,104	0.09%
Cheese	151,301	1.09%
Eggs	276,513	1.99%
Vegetables	932,644	6.70%
Nuts	30,770	0.22%
Fruits	605,491	4.35%
Coffee	122,098	0.88%
Tea	118,150	0.85%
Spices	25,586	0.18%
Rice	438,267	3.15%
Flour	169,256	1.22%
Oil	131,678	0.95%
Sausages	220,260	1.58%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	758,603	5.45%
Fish, Prepared or Preserved	293,147	2.11%
Crustaceans, Mollusks & Other Aquatic Invertebrates	87,962	0.63%
Sugar	116,459	0.84%
Sugar Confectionary	418,699	3.01%
Chocolate	692,620	4.97%
Malt Extracts, Flour (Cake Mixes)	152,563	1.10%
Pasta	218,601	1.57%
Cereals	81,727	0.59%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	701,145	5.04%
Vegetables, Prepared	393,796	2.83%

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Commodity	FEBRUARY 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
Fruits, Prepared	138,443	0.99%
Juices	156,433	1.12%
Extracts, Essences, Coffee, Tea	34,503	0.25%
Sauces, Mixed Condiments, Seasoning	539,729	3.88%
Soups and Broths	48,806	0.35%
Ice Cream	35,492	0.25%
Other Food Preparations	142,245	1.02%
Water, not Containing Sugar	118,312	0.85%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,229,743	8.83%
Vinegar	17,867	0.13%
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>	<b>1,531,174</b>	<b>2.69%</b>
Beer	982,117	64.14%
Wine	168,138	10.98%
Liquor	380,919	24.88%
<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; PARTS</b>	<b>16,299,808</b>	<b>28.58%</b>
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	14,811,849	90.87%
Vehicles for Transport of Goods	485,158	2.98%
Motor Vehicle Parts	598,254	3.67%
New Pneumatic Tires	404,547	2.48%
<b>HOME APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT &amp; OTHERS</b>	<b>764,392</b>	<b>1.34%</b>
Video Recordings	6,925	0.91%
Records, Tapes	85,249	11.15%
Radios	375	0.05%
Televisions	39,978	5.23%
Air Conditioners	178,633	23.37%
Refrigerators	84,737	11.09%
Washers and Dryers	5,727	0.75%
Electrothermic Appliances	74,526	9.75%
Line Telephony	35,704	4.67%
Turntables, Record Players	249,805	32.68%
Photographic Cameras	2,733	0.36%

2007  
January - March Imports (\$)  
(see Table 3)

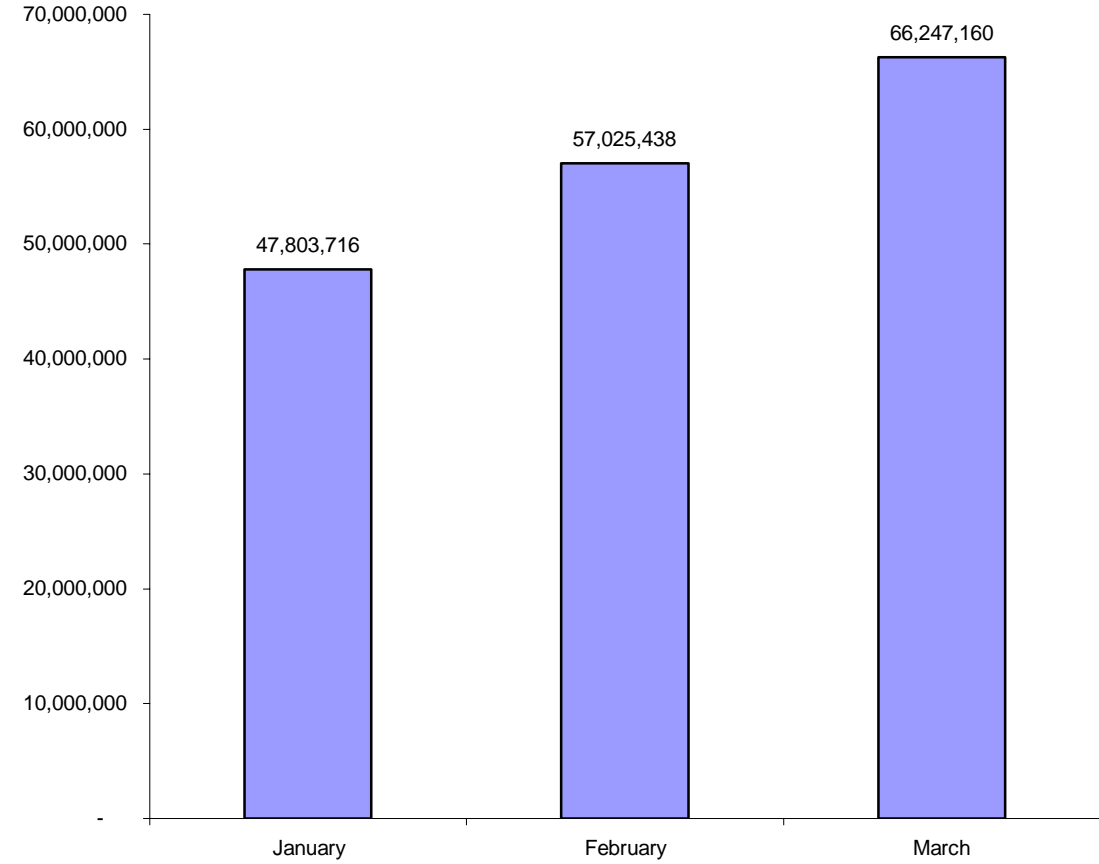


Table 2

February Top 20 Imports	2007 Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total
Motor Vehicles for Transport of Persons	14,811,849	25.97%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	6,861,422	12.03%
Men and Boys Apparel	2,017,231	3.54%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene, Perfumes	1,661,634	2.91%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,631,580	2.86%
Watches	1,435,334	2.52%
Meat & Edible Offal of Beef	1,267,580	2.22%
Water, Containing Sugar	1,229,743	2.16%
Beer	982,117	1.72%
Jewelry Articles	940,312	1.65%
Vegetables	932,644	1.64%
Meat and Edible Offal of Poultry	872,452	1.53%
Petroleum Products	835,093	1.46%
Medicaments	758,893	1.33%
Meat, Prepared or Preserved	758,603	1.33%
Structures of Iron or Steel	718,874	1.26%
Bread, Pastries, Cakes	701,145	1.23%
Chocolate	692,620	1.21%
Crustaceans	648,446	1.14%
Paper Towels, Napkins	631,748	1.11%
All Others	619,899	29.17%

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Commodity	FEBRUARY 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
<b>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS</b>	<b>\$3,662,087</b>	<b>6.42%</b>
Lumber	302,802	8.27%
Cloth Grill of Iron or Steel	151,708	4.14%
Aluminum Waste	11,754	0.32%
Tubes, Pipes, of Plastic	8,896	0.24%
Plywood	295,698	8.07%
Builders Joinery of Wood	108,349	2.96%
Other Wooden Articles	97,699	2.67%
Ceramic Tiles	195,143	5.33%
Ceramic Tablewares	1,480	0.04%
Pipe Fittings of Iron or Steel	228,044	6.23%
Structures of Iron or Steel	718,874	19.63%
Cement	619,899	16.93%
Aluminum Doors, Windows	4,357	0.12%
Copper Waste and Scrap	546,099	14.91%
Paint	371,285	10.14%
<b>PLASTICS, LEATHER AND PAPER</b>	<b>8,631,171</b>	<b>15.14%</b>
Articles for the Conveyance of Plastics	21,338	0.25%
Tableware, Kitchenware, of Plastics	24,908	0.29%
Other Articles of Plastic	167,282	1.94%
Trunks, Suitcases, Handbags of Leather	6,861,422	79.50%
Articles of Apparel of Leather	63,531	0.74%
Paper Towels, Napkins	631,748	7.32%
Carton Boxes of Paper	9,762	0.11%
Footwear of Rubber or Plastics	399,780	4.63%
Footwear of Leather	451,400	5.23%
<b>MENS'AND WOMENS' APPAREL</b>	<b>3,947,027</b>	<b>6.92%</b>
T-Shirts	72,978	1.85%
Men and Boys Apparel	2,017,231	51.11%
Women and Girls Apparel	1,631,580	41.34%
Shawls, Scarves, Mufflers	98,245	2.49%
Ties, Bowties and Cravats	126,993	3.22%

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Commodity	FEBRUARY 2007	Percent of Total/Subtotal
<b>OTHER IMPORTS</b>	<b>\$8,264,875</b>	<b>14.49%</b>
Gymnastics, Sports	92,089	1.11%
Pens, Pencils, Crayons	22,579	0.27%
Cigarette Lighters	13,217	0.16%
Cigars and Cigarettes	23,687	0.29%
Petroleum Products	835,093	10.10%
Vitamins	86,244	1.04%
Medicaments	758,893	9.18%
Fertilizers	68,699	0.83%
Soap	93,953	1.14%
Cut Flowers	157,863	1.91%
Organic Surface Active Agents	306,536	3.71%
Spectacles	243,622	2.95%
Bed, Table Linen	96,497	1.17%
Jewelry Articles	940,312	11.38%
Imitation Jewelry	113,085	1.37%
Watches	1,435,334	17.37%
Furniture	537,749	6.51%
Lamps and Light Fittings	28,126	0.34%
Toys	180,882	2.19%
Cells and Batteries	74,587	0.90%
Automatic Data Processing Machines	86,130	1.04%
Automatic Data Processing Parts	81,768	0.99%
Cosmetics, Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparations, Perfumes	1,661,634	20.10%
Food Industries, Residues and Wastes Thereof	164,801	1.99%
Oral or Dental Hygiene Preparation	31,205	0.38%
Carpets & Other Textiles	85,563	1.04%
Printed Materials, Books, Newspapers	44,727	0.54%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,025,438</b>	

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